

WI-247
Morris-Holloway House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1901

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Morris-Holloway House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-247

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Urban/Industrial Dominance
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-247

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Morris-Holloway House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 511 Poplar Hill Avenue ☐ not for publication

city, town Salisbury ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Evan Kraft and Jill Benderly

street & number 511 Poplar Hill Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code Maryland 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 104, P. 268
liber 1232

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 615

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Historically known as the Morris-Holloway house, the two-story, asymmetrical Queen Anne style frame dwelling is located at 511 Poplar Hill Avenue in the Newtown District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The house faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built during the first decade of the twentieth century, c. 1901, the two-story, frame house is supported on a stretcher bond brick foundation with an excavated cellar. The Poplar Hill Avenue elevation presents what seems to be a story-and-a-half facade, but the house is actually two full stories with the long sloping front roof disguising its full height. The house is sheathed with a combination of weatherboard siding and fishscale shingles. Asphalt shingles cover the steeply pitched gable roof as well as the adjacent porch and two-story tower roof.

The west (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation with a central entrance sheltered by a shed roof porch, which is a continuation of the main roof slope. The porch is supported by turned posts and trimmed with sawn corner brackets and a turned baluster railing. The partially glazed front door, topped by a single pane transom, is flanked on its right side by a colored glass round window. To the left of the porch is a three-sided square bay that supports a five-sided tower. The tower is capped by a five-sided conical roof, which blends with the main roof slope. The first floor of the tower is sheathed with horizontal weatherboards, whereas the upper floor is covered with shingles. Centered on the roof above the porch is a five-sided dormer covered with shingles and pierced by diamond-pane sash windows. Projecting through the gable roof are narrow brick stove chimneys.

The south side of the house rises two full stories with an attic. The wall is sheathed on the first floor with horizontal weatherboards and on the second floor and attic level with shingles. The shingles follow a wave pattern above the attic window. The first floor includes an off-center door and adjacent single-pane sash windows. The side door and east window are sheltered by a shed roof porch supported by turned posts. The second floor has an asymmetrical fenestration with a round window of colored glass combined with two single-pane sash windows. Lighting the attic is a Palladian window. The eaves to the roof are extended with the soffits enclosed.

The north gable end features a three-sided bay window on the first floor with an adjacent single-pane sash window. The second floor has a round window in the west bay and a single-pane sash window in the east bay. A Palladian window pierced the gable end.

A two-story, one-bay by one-bay addition extends from the back of the main block, and a shed roofed porch supported on turned posts shelters the rear entrance. Sawn corner brackets and a turned baluster railing are fitted between the posts.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Due to its intact architectural features, this house qualifies for listing in *Category A*, which recognizes buildings of superior architectural character that distinctly contribute to the historic nature of the neighborhood.

- 1 Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 29/181, April 6, 1901, Wicomico County Courthouse.
- 2 Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 74/154, March 30, 1911, Wicomico County Courthouse.
- 3 Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 500/478, July 1, 1960, Wicomico County Courthouse.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone Easting Northing

The figure shows three empty coordinate axes. The first axis is labeled 'Zone' and has a single tick mark. The second axis is labeled 'Easting' and has four tick marks. The third axis is labeled 'Northing' and has four tick marks.

B

Zone Easting Northing

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D

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
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organization Private Consultant **date** 3/25/96

street & number P. O. Box 5 **telephone** 410-651-1094

city or town	Westover	state	Maryland	21871
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Chain of title

Map 104, Parcel 625

1232/268 Joseph P. Gallen
 Patricia A. Gallen

to

10/1/1990 Evan Kraft
 Jill Benderly

MSB 1115/855 Mary Jane Phillips Fletcher

to

8/18/1987 Joseph P. Gallen
 Patricia A. Gallen

1085/204 Michael P. Sigrist
 Deborah Pettus Sigrist

to

11/19/1986 Mary Jane Phillips Fletcher

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AS 921/619

Michael P. Sigrist
Deborah P. Sigrist

to

6/8/1979

Michael P. Sigrist
Deborah P. Sigrist

AS 908/576

W. Wirt Wolfe
Elizabeth D. Wolfe

to

10/31/1978

Michael P. Sigrist
Deborah L. Pettus

AS 813/350

Deer's Head Realty Corporation

to

1/30/1974

W. Wirt Wolfe
Elizabeth D. Wolfe

JWTS 500/478

Carroll E. Bounds, Assignee and Levin S. Dashiell
and Bessie E. Dashiell

to

7/1/1960

Deer's Head Realty Corporation
Public sale, certain mortgage from Sarah B. Holloway,
et al. to Levin S. Dashiell and Bessie E. Dashiell,
12/11/1941, JWS 231/583

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JWTS 272/585

L. Atwood Bennett, dower

to

11/15/1945

Charles E. Holloway
Flora E. Holloway

JWTS 272/586

Sarah B. Taylor, and others (L. Bradley Taylor,
William F. Holloway, Juanita M. Holloway, Flora
E. Holloway, Charles E. Holloway)

to

11/15/1945

L. Atwood Bennett

JWS 236/490

J. Asbury Holloway

to

12/11/1941

Sara B. Holloway, and William F. Holloway,
Tenants in common

IDT 216/292

Robert F. Duer, Assignee

to

3/18/1939

J. Asbury Holloway
Whereas at Public Sale, 2/4/1939, property was
sold at public auction for \$4,325.00

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JCK 114/116

William K. Perrin, et ux.
Anita E. Perrin

to

10/18/1919

Flora E. Holloway

EAT 74/154

Ida E. Morris and William J. Morris of Baltimore
City

to

3/30/1911

William K. Perrin, Wicomico County, Maryland
\$4,250.00

JTT 29/181

Elisha J. C. Parsons

to

4/6/1901

Ida E. Morris
\$250.00

JTT 28/289

R. Lee Waller
Edith R. Waller

to

9/15/1900

Elisha J. C. Parsons
\$735.00 Lot No. 4 on block bounded by
Isabella and Poplar Hill and
Elizabeth Street

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JTT 21/315

Deed of Partition between Jonathan Waller and
wife, James A. Waller and wife, George W. D.
Waller, and R. Lee Waller

11/8/1897

"Poplar Hill"

North side of Isabella Street

Last will and testament of George Waller,
deceased, ELW 1/353

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942

5860' NW
(HEBRON)

75°37'30"
38°22'30"

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI
VIENNA 15 MI

447000m E







